

Remarks

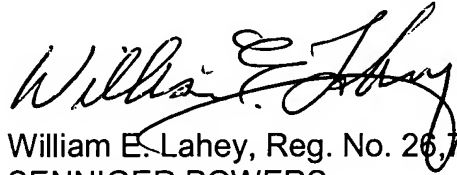
Applicants wish to acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 2-6. The examine also indicated that claim 8 was objected to as depending from an objected base claim and, therefore, applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claim 8 into claim 7 and has accordingly cancelled claim 8. Claim 7 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claim 1 has been rejected by the examiner based on Rzepka United States Patent No. 1,438,140. Applicants have amended claim 1 to limit claim 1 to two biasing portions (51) being in engagement with either one of the two biasing portions (33), as when the biasing portions (51) are operated to rotate either clockwise or counterclockwise to press against either one of the two biasing portions (33), the latch head can be retracted. This claimed structure and operation is believed to be substantially different from the bolt structure and operation of the lock disclosed in the '140 patent. Applicants therefore submit that claim 1 as presently amended is patentable over the '140 patent.

Conclusion

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment A. If, however, the Commissioner determines a fee is due, he is hereby authorization to charge said government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Lahey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Lahey" being clearly legible.

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